

Aug. 25/80 - Mon.

Dear Vickie and Jimmy,

Our house is lonesome since Diane and Mary left yesterday (Sun.) I won't miss Mike as he will be back this week end. I packed away the toys and we had planned to go on a little trip today but I needed a couple of days to get re-organized and rest up. Mary loved over weather and she had a good time seeing her girl friends and the two weeks at the spa. Diane and I slept together in the twin beds all. it was always in first one bed. When she went to sleep I moved over to the other bed, but she would ~~wake up and move over also and would~~ want me to put my arm around her. I really miss her.

We love your letters and read them many times. We are so glad you are getting around and seeing so many interesting places. I hope we can visit you.

We bought a wok and we love it. Mary gave me some lessons in using it and we have been stir frying every night since. I can still smell the garlic that I used last night.

Nikes folks are coming the week end of the 8th of Sept. to attend a fund raiser. I wish they would stay in a motel as I will put them in the room downstairs and Mike will have to sleep on the sofa in the Amusement Room. They think it is terrible.

that Mary plans to move back
here. I thank goodness Mary hates
the Ranton house and plans to
move into the Marce Island house.
Don't misunderstand me!! Dad and
I like Mike's folks - it's just that
they seem to be against Mary and
think that Mike is the only one to
be considered. They even think
that Deane is only Mike's child.
My cousin Verne is coming over
there to look at the pictures and
for lunch.

I read about the big fire in a
London night club last week. I
read the temperature there every
day and it isn't too hot.

More later.

Love,

Mom

John James Audubon, 1785-1851
Cardinal Grosbeak, (1833)/mezzotint and hand coloring
.492 x .311 m (19 3/4 x 12 1/4 in.)

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